

fuel; and shall also include supplies, munitions, and all other articles of whatever description and any part or ingredient thereof, intended for, adapted to, or suitable for the use of the United States or any associate nation, in connection with the conduct of war."

Approved, December 24, 1942.

[CHAPTER 825]

AN ACT

Relating to the payment of fees, expenses, and costs of witnesses and jurors and the accounting therefor, and for other purposes.

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[H. R. 7142]  
[Public Law 845]

United States courts.  
Allowances of witnesses, U. S. attorneys, and assistants.

Per diem and mileage for witnesses.

Proviso.  
Attendance at distant points.

Certification.

U. S. employees as witnesses for Government.

Cases involving activities connected with employment.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 3 of the Act entitled "An Act fixing the fees of jurors and witnesses in the United States courts, including the District Court of Hawaii, the District Court of Porto Rico, and the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia," approved April 26, 1926 (44 Stat. 324), as amended (U. S. C., title 28, sec. 600c), is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 3. Witnesses attending in such courts, or before such commissioners, shall receive for each day's attendance and for the time necessarily occupied in going to and returning from the same, \$2, and 5 cents per mile for going from his or her place of residence to the place of trial or hearing and 5 cents per mile for returning: *Provided*, That witnesses (other than witnesses who are salaried employees of the Government and detained witnesses) in the United States courts, including the District Court of Hawaii, the District Court of Puerto Rico, and the District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia, who attend court or attend before United States commissioners, at points so far removed from their respective residences as to prohibit return thereto from day to day, shall be entitled, in addition to the compensation provided by existing law, as modified by this Act, to a per diem of \$3 for expenses of subsistence for each day of actual attendance and for each day necessarily occupied in traveling to attend court and return home. In cases in which the United States is a party, witnesses on behalf of the United States shall be entitled to the payments provided by this section upon the certificate of the United States attorney, or assistant United States attorney, or United States commissioner."

SEC. 2. Section 850 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., title 28, sec. 604) is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 850. When any officer or employee of the United States is summoned as a witness for the Government, his necessary expenses incident to travel by common carrier, and if travel is made by privately owned automobile, mileage at a rate not to exceed 5 cents per mile, together with a per diem allowance not to exceed \$6 in lieu of subsistence under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Attorney General, shall, when sworn to, be paid by the United States marshal upon certificate of the United States attorney, assistant United States attorney, or United States commissioner, but no other mileage or compensation in addition to his salary shall in any case be allowed. Whenever any such officer or employee of the United States performs travel in order to appear as a witness on behalf of the United States in any case involving the activity in connection with which such person is employed, his travel expenses and per diem allowance in lieu of subsistence in connection therewith shall be payable from the appropriation otherwise available for the travel expenses of such officer or employee, such payment to be made by the disbursing officer charged with the disbursement of funds under that appropriation after proper certification by a certifying officer of the department or agency concerned."

SEC. 3. The Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1909, and for other purposes", approved May 27, 1908 (35 Stat. 317), as amended, is hereby amended by amending the fourth paragraph of the section entitled "JUDICIAL, United States Courts" (35 Stat. 375, U. S. C., title 28, sec. 592), to read as follows:

"The necessary expenses for transportation and subsistence, in accordance with the Standardized Government Travel Regulations, of the United States district attorneys and their assistants, while absent from their respective official residences and necessarily employed in going to, returning from, and attending before any United States court, commissioner, or other committing magistrate, and while otherwise necessarily absent from their respective official residences on official business shall be allowed and paid in the following manner: That the accounts of the United States attorneys and assistant United States attorneys for expenses herein provided shall be made out monthly in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed by the Attorney General. And when said expense accounts are made out, as hereinbefore provided, and verified on oath before an officer authorized by law to administer oaths, they may be allowed and, upon certificate of the United States attorney, paid by the United States marshal for said district, and the amount of such payments shall be included in said marshal's accounts with the United States, and audited and allowed as provided by law."

U. S. attorneys and assistants.  
Expenses during absence from official residences.

Accounts.

Approved, December 24, 1942.

[CHAPTER 826]

AN ACT

To define the real property exempt from taxation in the District of Columbia.

December 24, 1942  
[H. R. 7781]  
[Public Law 846]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the real property exempt from taxation in the District of Columbia shall be the following and none other:

District of Columbia.  
Classes of real property exempt from taxation.

SECTION 1. (a) Property belonging to the United States of America.

(b) Property belonging to the District of Columbia.

(c) Property belonging to foreign governments and used for legation purposes.

(d) Property belonging to the Commonwealth of the Philippines and used for Government purposes.

(e) Property heretofore specifically exempted from taxation by any special Act of Congress, in force at the time of approval of this Act, so long as such property is used for the purposes for which such exemption is granted. The Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall report annually to the Congress the use being made of such specifically exempted property, and of any changes in such use, with recommendations.

Report to Congress.

(f) Art gallery buildings belonging to and operated by organizations which are not organized or operated for private gain, and are open to the public generally, and for admission to which no charge is made on more than two days each week.

(g) Library buildings belonging to and operated by organizations which are not organized or operated for private gain and are open to the public generally.

(h) Buildings belonging to and operated by institutions which are not organized or operated for private gain, which are used for purposes of public charity principally in the District of Columbia.